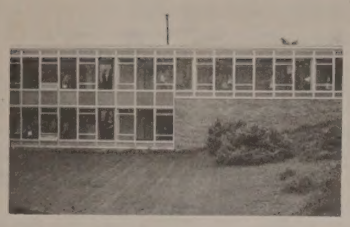

Cathedral Surveyed by Mirror Reporters

At nine o'clock the whistles blows, and the 2800 students in uniform dress, pass to their first class. They are allotted only four minutes to pass from the class to another in the three-story building with 370 rooms.

Each classroom includes a crucifix, an American flag, a sink and drapes. The seats are arranged in a square, the outside rows facing towards the middle, and the rest facing forwards. Each class is forty-two minutes, in a seven-period day, ending at three o'clock.

Walking through the halls, one may find several people sitting in desks or standing on the corners. They wear purple and white pins which reads, Cathedral High School, the name of the student, and Student Patrol. Their job is to keep the halls clear of wanderers, or any outsiders illegally entering the building. They perform their job during any study periods.

Speaking of studies, they are silently held in rooms, larger than the normal classroom size.

Fourth period rolls around just as stomachs start growling. The students eat the same lunch every day during their fourth period class As one enters the cafeteria, "music to eat by" can be heard. The radio is played over the P.A. system while the students are eating.

Other than the ordinary lunch, a snack bar is opened. Several kinds of pies are sold, along with ten cent bags of popcorn, potato chips, Fritos, ice-cream and milk.

Twelve lunch waves enter the cafeteria within the lunch period from 11:15 to 12:30. Eight hundred students are in the lunchroom at one time. Every five minutes, two hundred students move out, while two hundred move in. There are no signals between lunches. Each student has twenty-eight minutes to proceed from his class, eat lunch, and return.

In the discipline area, the original fine system is fading out, while the demerit system is being discussed. Previously, the students would be fined various sums of money for committing an offense against the school rules. The demerit system will be run in the same manner, except after one receives twenty-five demerits, he will be expelled.

The gum fine, however, still remains. A student who is caught chewing gum has to pay a one-dollar fine. If he fails to pay it within one week, it is doubled. Report cards are held back for an unpaid fine from any student.

The main difference between Cathedral High and AHS is the course of Theology. The students are taught religion, philosophies of faith, and present day beliefs and morals. While interviewing many of the students, their general attitude of the school was that it was "All right"

In general, most visitors, including ourselves, leave Cathedral High School with the impression that it is a highly respectable school.

by Donna Keefe

GET YOUR MIND TOGETHER

Recently a paper on Checline was distributed throughout the school. Checline is a non-profit organization which helps people solve their problems through telephone conversations.

By whom and when was Checline started?

Checline was started by Jim Masciarelli, a 25-year-old from Springfield, about 2 months ago.

Why was Checline started and what are its goals?

Checline was started to help people in their time of need through intellegent discussion. Checline has only one set goal, "helping."

Who mans the telephones of Checline?

"The people of Checline," two of which are from Agawam, are young, therefore, "the people of Checline" will understand, because they have probably experienced the same problems you have, maybe more. NO BUSTS; ALL CALLS CONFIDENTIAL.

How does Checline help?

Checline does not give advice, nor does it tell you what to do. It helps you think and decide. Only you can help yourself.

What kind of problems wil Checline help solve?

Any problems; drug problems, school problems and personal problems. If you have a "bummer," Checline is someone to talk to, someone who cares.

If you want information, Checline has it or knows where to get it. The people of Checline will give you drug information, draft information, medical information and will tell you where to get more, if needed.

All in all, if you ever have a problem of the past, the present, or the future; or if you are messed-up and want to "get your mind together," call at 737-4718.

by Greg Toczko

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Hampshire College

A New Philosophy

If you wish to break away from the establishment, with all its traditions and conformities, then Hampshire College is for you. The college, a new experimental, liberal arts institution, is located in Amherst, Mass.

Hampshire College is affiliated with and was founded by its neighboring colleges: Smith, Mount Holyoke, Amherst and UMass. The college is community organized to promote intellectual and general human development. It wants and needs students that are involved. At Hampshire, you must be a doer.

Hampshire College students may select courses at any of the four surrounding colleges. By taking advantage of the strengths of the other four colleges, the students will benefit greatly.

The typical freshman-senior sequence has been replaced by three divisions: basic, disciplinary and advanced studies. An exam will determine if a student is ready to enter the next division. Each student will decide for himself when he is ready for these exams. Also, a complete, individual thesis or project must be completed.

By this system, an entire college career may take from 3 to 5 years, depending upon the individual progress of each student. Also, students may take a sabbatical leave to travel or to join VISTA or Peace Corps. Upon returning, they may continue their education at Hampshire College.

Unlike other colleges, there are no departments at Hampshire. Instead, it is organized into Schools of Humanities and Arts, Natural Science, and Social Science. Students are introduced to all these areas and will have intensive experience in at least one of their choice.

One of the objectives of this college is for students to be aware and to get involved in the problems of the world, both present and future. The Social Science program is developing plans for urban service and study centers. Students will be tutors and work out courses of studies in Urban Service Seminars.

In the School of Humanities and Art, emphasis is on questions of environmental design. Hampshire College feels the design of our land is too important to be left solely to city planners and that students should become more involved in the planning of this land.

More emphasis is put upon field work, social service, study abroad and other off-campus experiences. The student must want to make an education through encountering, not take it from a library shelf.

by Mary Ann Silvestrini

Up and Atom

On Sept. 29, Senior Tom Davies and Mr. Kenneth Dean of this school attended a "Youth Conference on the Atom", along with 21 selected students from different schools of Western Massachusetts.

The trip, sponsored by the Western Massachusetts Electric Co. enabled these students to see the Yankee Atomic Nuclear Power Plant. This plant, located near the mouth of the Conn. River in Haddem Neck, Conn., is one of the world's most modern and efficient nuclear power plants, providing electricity for the greater Boston Area. Yankee Atomic also serves New York City in times of emergency power needs.

One thing Tom doesn't like about Yankee Atomic is the pollution it creates. He was surprised to find that the plant's radioactive gasses are let off into the atmosphere freely and he thinks this shouldn't be so.

Tom thinks the plant is very educational. He and Mr. Dean were shown its operations and both learned a great deal about nuclear energy.

by Greg Toczko

Four Wits Matched

L to R, Vicki Catchepaugh, Louise Spear, Charlene Rawson, And Tom Davies

The AHS 'As Schools Match Wits' team looks promising this year for one important reason: Experience. The three veteran members, Tom Davies, Louise Spear and Vicki Catchepaugh, plus Greg Balsewicz and alternate, Charlene Rawson are aiming for a victorious year.

Near the end of school last year, those wishing to be on the team took a written exam. The highest scorers were then given an oral exam. Those with the highest over-all scores were accepted as team members.

As in any competitive activity, much preparation and coaching goes into producing a winning team. After school and during activity periods, the team members are drilled on the subject matter until the answers come rapidly and easily.

Coaching the team are Mr. Fitzgerald, the advisor; Mrs. Stratton, Mrs. Dugan, and others. The first match is Saturday, Nov. 14, so be sure to watch.

by Mary Ann Silvestrini

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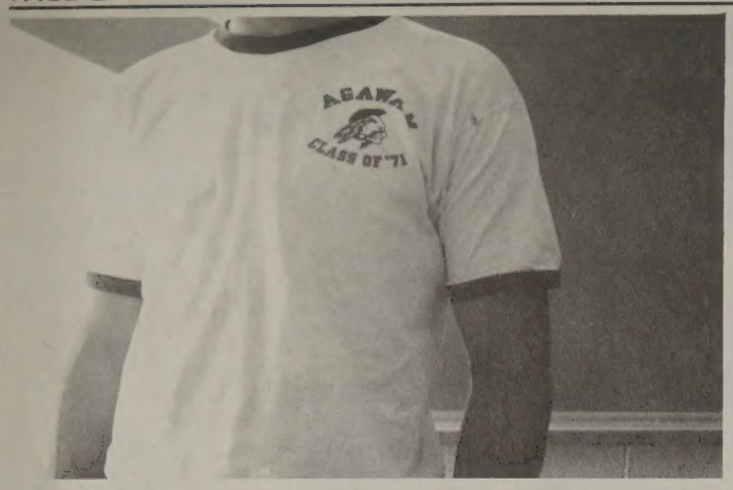


AHS Tradition Finally Challenged

Almost all activities during the senior year take place solely because of tradition. Last spring the new seniors began their year with the senior cheer, since each preceding class at AHS started the year in this manner. Next spring, an entire year later, graduation will probably take place in the "traditional" manner.

Filling in the year are the Kid Party, more senior cheers, the distribution of class hats and shirts, and "senior seats," in either the gym or the cafeteria. These activities take place because previous senior classes at AHS have carried on the traditions and that's what seniors "always" do.

Stop and think a minute. Is this year all you had hoped it to be? Is it really that thrilling to wear a senior shirt or to sit at the senior table? Do you look forward to the long graduation ceremony next spring?

This generation supposedly advocates change, but by blindly adhering to past traditions, the youth is actually behaving hypocritically. There is a distinct need for new ideas to replace the old traditions. The year is still young and it is not too late to change. But, it's up to you.

CAFETERIA COMEDY

While in a cafeteria "study" many objects may be seen, felt, smelled, and heard. The following are a few of those objects which may satisfy our senses.

Although study periods are supposed to be quiet, numerous noises are heard. This is a cafeteria, so of course, lunch ladies' talking and laughing is a common noise. Clanging of pots and metal utensils hitting the floor are heard frequently.

This huge room also smells like a cafeteria. It has odors of broccoli, carrots, macaroni, and other tasty delights.

Being a place where many people eat, there are always some remains of what was eaten at lunch. Things such as peanut butter sandwiches and peas are often left behind.

On sunny mornings a person seated next to the windows could soak up the sun's rays and get a beautiful tan. If at the tables near the walls, a student could easily pass out from extreme heat or lack of oxygen.

It is very dangerous to sit in this study room. A person's leg could be balck and blue for weeks. Our tables are short in width, and some legs are very long.

Now you are wondering what can be done about these study periods. Why not abolish them? Why can't Agawam High be more like a college? The studies could go to the cafeteria and talk with other pupils and teachers. This would be a means to stop skipping. Pupils would want to go to a study. Students and teachers would finally say they were going to a study with a smile on their face.

by Jeanne Scherpa

IT'S THEIR JOB

Fourteen seniors and seven juniors have been elected to wear the band of orange and brown. Working under their captain, Ed Adamski, and advisor, Mr. Zaverella, you find seniors: Stephen Atwater, Elaine B'Shara, Thomas Davilli, Michael Drewnowski, Wayne Gates, Carol Gillan, Marilyn McCobb, Dom Montessi, Carol Rossi, Rocky Stellato, Sharon Suffriti, Ann Marie Valenti, Debbie Wallace, and Marilyn White. Juniors are Steve Adamski, Maureen Amaral, Frances Bigda, Ralph Morin, Bill Sapelli, Scott Skolnick, and Don Young.

These 22 members were elected because of their character and good marks. They have no special rules to follow, except to keep students in order the best they can, and if necessary, turn them over to higher authority. This has to be done by someone, so don't resent them; they are only doing their job.

by Ruby Guidetti

Happiness

is eating a red, juicy watermelon without getting a bloated stomach. But I guess if you didn't get a bloated stomach, you wouldn't stop eating the watermelon, and then you would get sick of the taste. Then it wouldn't be a happiness, for you so where would you be then??!!

Editorial Page

Council Corner

Getting it Together

After getting off to a slow start this year, AHS Student Council has finally laid the ground rules for what could be a great year for student government.

On October 14, 1970, a proposal was presented to the entire council calling for a division between student activities and student government.

To do this, a student activity committee was proposed which would exist as a standing committee of council, but would meet at the discretion of their chairman, rather than during regular meetings. Members for this committee would be chosen from the Council body, and would serve on a rotating basis, while still serving on council.

Under this plan more time could be donated to the student government aspect of council, rather than social functions.

After considerable debate this plan was accepted for a three-month trial period, with Susan Affleck and Mike Ramah being appointed as co-chairmen.

Student Council has taken a step in the right direction. Meet them half way and we can have a successful year.

In this column I will try to present some of the business handled by council which will affect all students. All of the information used will be taken from the council minutes which should be posted in each homeroom.

Student Council officers for 1970-1971 are:
Robert Morin—president
Susan Affleck—Vice-president
Maureen Amaral-Secretary
Mike Ramah—Treasurer

Council meets every Wednesday during alternating periods. If you have a free period, come and get involved but be sure to check with study hall teachers first.

Topics already discussed so far in council are a smoking room for students and the possibility of outsider's attending AHS dances. Also being considered is the idea of voting without paying dues.

If there are any questions anybody may feel free to send them in to Letters to the Editor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I feel that the Student Patrol system in our school should be abolished. It's not fair for students who know an SP to be free from punishment when someone who does the same thing gets into trouble just because he doesn't know the SP.

by Mike Ramah

Call for Help

No matter what you may think, there are still some people who care. Just give them a call any time and you'll see. The numbers are 592-4871 or 737-6386. They'll rap with you about any problem you may have, be it drugs, parents, sex or whatever.

There's no need to worry if an adult will answer, because they won't. This is run entirely by kids who both can and want to help. Give them a call, and, remember, they talk with you, not at you.

SACHEM TO 'EM

One of the most exciting days of the school year is the day the yearbooks arrive. This year, according to the SACHEM STAFF, the yearbook wil' be the best yet.

Susan Kerr, editor-in-chief of the SACHEM '71, is excited about this year's book, which will contain more pages and more color than last year. It will be the new, larger size which was introduced in the SACHEM '70.

Sue was pleased with the numbr of under-classmen sales, which exceeded last year's total by 100. Without these sales the SACHEM would not be possible.

According to Sue the staff has been working extremely hard. Of their advisor, Mr. Pulaski, she says, "He's great because he is always willing to give up his free time to help us." Susan is convinced that because of the hard work and dedication of both the staff and Mr. Pulaski, the SACHEM '71 will definitely be the best yearbook AHS has ever seen.

by Paula Theodorowicz

BLUNDER OF THE MONTH

Life at AHS got you down? Would you like to stretch out and take a ride in a big, fancy, black car? Are you longing for the smell of fresh flowers?

The answer to your problems lies buried just across the street. It will soon come alive!

Stop in after fourth period some day, when your stomach is suffering from a severe case of indigestion. Your problem will be promptly undertaken by someone with knowledge of such grave situations. You will have the choice of either private or family arrangements. It is guaranteed to be a black suit affair.

If you get lost in the fog while driving to school and take a right turn instead of a left, don't worry. Because of "natural causes" you will get a place in a parade the next day. Everyone involved will have their lights on so they'll be no problem seeing through the fog.

Come right over and a quiet, warm place will be waiting for you. Forget the cold classrooms, the demanding administration, and the rest of the world.

But, one word of caution, make sure to take care of all your worldly matters before you leave. Give your best friend your locker combination, and, if you're privileged, you're placed at the "first table." Most important, don't forget to have someone hand in your excuse for being two minutes late to homeroom.

There might be a spark of life left in the rumor that this year's senior class song will be Hearts and Flowers. And you may get a WHOLE PAGE for yourself in the yearbook. Just be careful not to get killed in the mad rush to be the first customer.

This month we pay our last respects to the new addition in the neighborhood. May all who pass through their doors rest in peace.

by Carolyn Stefanik

NOW OR NEVER

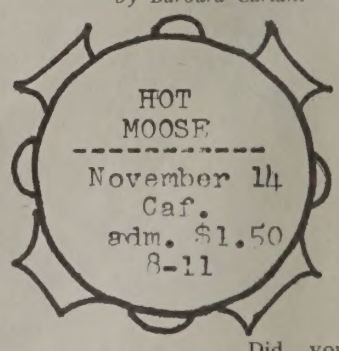
ATTENTION—This is the most important column of your life. As you know college time is near for some seniors and juniors. Probably the hardest thing to decide is where to go.

Listed below are the conferences that will be available to you during the month of November.

Nov. 3—Finch College, New York
Nov. 4—Saint Lawrence College, New York.
Nov. 4—Siena College, New York.
Nov. 5—Vermont College, Vermont.
Nov. 6—Adelphi College, Vermont
Nov. 7—Senior College Boards.
Nov. 10—S.T.C.C.
Nov. 12—Simons Rock College, Mass.
Nov. 16—Worcester Poly Tech, Mass.
Nov. 18—Iowa Wesleyan
Nov. 19—Muhlenbum College, Penn.
Nov. 30—U.S. International University, Calif.
Nov. 30—Art Institute of Boston, Boston, Mass.

If any other information is needed, please contact your guidance counselor or Mr. Skolnick.

by Barbara Cariani



Did you know that the U.S. government is spending one million dollars on a three year study of the jellyfish on our beaches?

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Senior Silhouettes

Carol Rossi

Carol is fun, friends, lasagna, and good jokes, all with an exclamation mark! She's a hard person to put in words, because Carol is happiness, and happiness is a feeling.

When you are with Carol you're sure to find laughter, whether it be playing pool, go-carting, or playing football on Sunday afternoons.

Along with her fun-loving nature, she feels there is nothing more important in life than friendship.

Good times can be described by Carol when she recalls playing King of the Mountain in nightgowns on top of the snow! Or maybe horseback riding until the horse turned and bit her.

After graduation Carol plans to be a florist and just let her creative talents flow. But, she said, she'll never forget the kids and all the great times they had together.

So if you ever hear "What you see is what you get! Wooo!" don't expect Flip Wilson as Geraldine, but Carol Rossi as our AHS comedienne.

by Jeanne Kudlic

Susan Kerr

Sue Kerr reflect on:

LIFE

"Seasons go round and round and we can't return, we can only look behind from where we came."

Joni Metchel

Mitchel

"Everybody hurries, you've got to slow down and enjoy life."

THE FUTURE

"I've got to go places, take off, look around at new people and places."

THE PAST

"If I could choose to be anybody in history, I would choose Marie Antoinette, because I don't like the head I'm stuck with."

AGAWAM

"Life in Agawam is OK for now, but I don't want to stay."

COLLEGE

"I am interested in Rhode Island School of Design and would like to major in archetecture." Sue feels archetecture would be interesting because "it's fascinating; different styles are like personalities—all unique."

MOVIES

"Elvira Madigan was the most beautiful movie I've ever seen. It showed people as they really are: honest and loving. It was really sad because in the end, the two main characters were in love, but because people made life so complicating for them, they chose to die.

FOOD

"I don't crave pickles, I eat them because I like them!"

PLACES

"I enjoy Stanley Park on a Sunday afternoon. You're alone with the water, the bells, and the silence."

PEOPLE

"You've got to be yourself, because everybody is different. I don't think it is fair to categorize people."

Mike Ramah

Carolyn Stefanik

Editor-in-Chief of MIRROR . . Quiet . . . but . . . not totally . . . full of initiative . . . library staff . . Coy . . "The Greatest Thing Since Sliced Bread" . . . Constructive . . teaches first-grade Sunday school . . . non-yelling type (will throw an occasional verbal blow) . . . "Boss."

Watches people . . . the decisive eyebrows . . tactful . . Switches subjects on cue . .highly ticklish . . respects all forms of life . . even people . . . Crab Walker . . Silently demanding . . Sits in brother's closet when talking on the phone . . persistent . . Concerned.

Likes . ,. foggy mornings . . . and sometimes . . foggy afternoons . . black rasberry ice-cream . . Donovan . . folk rock . . LIVING! . . cats . . Philosophy . . well . . "Live your life the way you want to . . have a goaaal" . . "It matters not how long you live, but how well" . . Secret Loves? Yes! . . Happiness is a warm puppy . . . Let's say a basset hound!

Dislikes . . "people who go to restaurants and stuff themselves with food and then leave three-fourths of it because the restaurant gives you too much" . . Whew! Pierced ears are atavistic . . hypocritical hippies.

Hopes . . Attend College? . . live away . . teach distrubed or underprivileged children . . The Little Ones!

. . plans for Student Council . . Good plans . . believes seniors should have year-long freedom, (Go where they want, audit classes during studies) . . Togetherness!

Great desire to help . . gets involved where she can do the most good . . understanding . . A cut-off-my-right-arm-for-you kind of friend . . A person!

by Deb Grant

Dana Raymond

Dana considers himself a realistic liberal. As for the SDS it is a well organized student organization, but it's policies and methods are poor. Dana believes student demonstrations occur because the students are dissatisfied with the American educational system.

According to Dana, the students at AHS are "out-of-sight." However, the teachers are a different story. He feels that the younger teachers are much more interested in the students than the older teachers are.

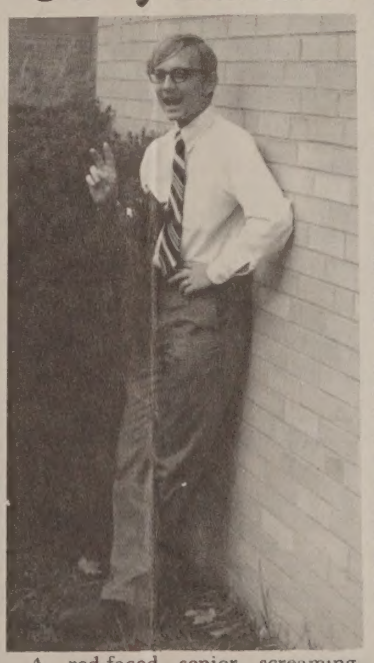
Dana plans to attend Laffette College in the fall and major in Marine Biology. When asked about the draft he replied, "I hear that Canada is beautiful this time of year!"

Out on the football field, Dana's opponent is not a person, but just an obstacle that has to ve overcome.

Dana feels that student government is good, but a government without any power, such as Agawam's, is worthless.

When asked about drugs, his reply was, "If a person feels that he wants to use drugs, he should be given the personal freedom to do so, as long as that drug is not dentramental to anyone else."

Ed Adamski



A red-faced senior screaming violently at a football or basketball game is what most people think of when they hear the name Ed Adamski. Watching sports is one of Ed's favorite pastimes and his spirit can be heard at practically every game.

Not caring what others think of him, Ed defends his beliefs, no matter how unpopular they may be. And Ed does have definite, feasible ideas.

Contrary to popular belief, Ed does not blindly hate all blacks. He does, however, recognize existing prejudices.

Although religion plays an important role in his life Ed feels that total agreement with the Church is not necessary.

Being against all war, Ed advocated immediate withdrawal from Vietnam, even if it means an economic depression in America.

Ed considers himself to be: first—an individual, second—a white man, third—Polish, and last—American.

When asked to comment on Women's Lib, Ed quickly described the movement as "Women's Glib."

Working for the students on the Student Council occupies Ed's time during and after school. He also enjoys writing poetry.

Ed's plans for the future include attending the college of his choice, University of North Carolina, and then serving in the Peace Corps. His main goal is "to live an easy, unrushed life." Ed also plans to go to AUSTRALIA by boat. (Ed detests airplanes).

S.A.B.
by Carolyn Stefanik

Richard Everest

Being left alone to practice his harmonica is all Richard Everest asks of life.

He describes himself as being a radical and an individualist, but a bashful one.

Richard digs music festivals and was able to attend the Powder Ridge Festival in Connecticut and the Strawberry Fields festival in Canada. By being at a music Festival one can't help but meet people and that's exactly why Richard went. He likes talking to anyone about practically anything.

Although he may not look it, Richard Everest is the real Daniel Boone type. After graduation he would like to go to Alaska to do a little hunting and fishing and to sleep out under the stars with a grizzly bear.

Richard's ideal day would be sleeping until 1:00 and then before anything else getting happy. He would then start off for a walk through the nearest forest to say "hi" to Mother Nature who, incidently, is supposed to be a very good friend of his. Swimming at the Gorge, a visit to MacDonalds', and, finally, just sacking it out under a big tree would top off the perfect day.

by Valerie Young

Peace

Please

Wednesday, Oct. 7, Janis Joplin's body was creamated, as she had asked. A very private service was held and the location wasn't disclosed. Joplin's last public appearance was in Sept., when she showed up at the 10th reunion of her high school class. She wore blue and pink feathers in her hair, purple and white embroidered satin, sandals, and rings and bracelets enough for a queen. Port Arthur, Texas had never seen the like of her. And no one else will ever again. To quote a friend, "she was beautiful. That's not corny. It's true....."

As we go to press, the powers that we have closed down the Capital. From all information I can gather, it seems the owners didn't have the "right" insurance and no money to pay for it. I did speak to one of the owners, quote he, "It's a big hassle. We had scheduled Eric Clapton, Grateful Dead, and Alice Cooper for appearances in the next few weeks, but now we've had to cancel out. Don't give up hope yet!" One group of approximately 35 people, calling themselves the Rag-a-Muffins, didn't give up hope, and spent a very cold night in front of the Municipal Auditorium, demonstrating for the Capital.

Dig This

(Whether it did any good remains to be seen.)....Stage/West opens Nov. 13 with HAMLET. $2.50 covers it for all student performances. Catch it if you can...I think Shakespeare will surprise you...Nov. 14 Judy Collins at the Bushnell in Hartford. Tickets are $5.50, $4.40, and $3.30...Movement for a New Congress is going strong just about everywhere. Are you part of it??...Congratulations Mr. Peters!!TWINS...New albums released or soon to be released this month: Joplin's last, Turtle's Revived, Hendrix's best, Johnny Winter's and...Communes are growing, in New Hampshire Vermont and Iowa(???)...At last report, NATURE was still around...Women's Lib. is dropping off in support (no pun intended)...Listening Center is open in the library, dig on some music next study...till the next time, LIVE...peace, binky...

Poet's Corner

Just like a leaf
it comes form one like itself.
it grows and ripens and lives.
it makes it to its prime of life,
and boasts with colors bright.
no soonoer does it reach this height,
than it falls,
is covered,
and forgotten!

Autumn
is a child's coloring book.
Nothing is quite the color
it should be,
But I don't mind.
The trees are nonconformists
daring to wear
shocking oranges and yellows
against conservative crimson
and tawny brown.
The tree outside my window
is bare now
unaware
of the elegance of ice coming
this way.
And the neighbor's cat
Pounces
On a leafy whirlwind
and
Autumn ends.

by Rejel

YOU DON'T REALLY KNOW

Oh, my brother, what are you doing?
In that uniform, will there be killing?
And where will you be going?
Off to fight another war?

Can you tell me what your fighting for?
Did God send you to this chore?
And if you're fighting for our freedom.
What of the freedom of those who die?

Tell me, sir, why did you son die?
What was the cause that he fou ıt by?
You say you don't really knov
Just that he was forced to go.

You say you don't really knov
Just that he was forced to go.

by Mono

Color Me Italy

Textbooks and other reading material will never give the actual information of really being there. The people are not always as the books say. When traveling to Italy in a plane, one can look down at the Alps and see how beautiful it is and wonder if it's true that you are actually there.

Most of the things in Italy are the same as they are here, such as the food and the way the people dress. But there are a few things that are really different.

One major difference is between the American and Italian youth. By the age of five children are practically alchoholics. The children are taking samples from the wine bottle as soon as they are off the milk bottle. Before soda and milk, wine and liquor are offered to a visitor.

The children are more mature than those in America. They speak and act as though they are 17 or 18, but are actually about 12 years old. Generally, they are polite when speaking to adults, but, at the same time they can be sarcastic.

It was a shock to discover that girls who looked as though they were 22 or 23 years of age were actually 17 or 18. The girls have a very sophisticated look in the way they dress or wear their hair. The natural look is popular in America, but in the Old Country a great deal of makeup is worn, especially on the girls' eyes. Whenever Italian girls go for a walk they walk arm in arm. It isn't very cool here but over there it's the in thing.

The guys are extremely outgoing. They always seem to know when there's a girl around, especially a foreign one. They particularly like foreigners, probably because they know they'll never see them again since their stays will most likely be short.

The favorite Italian past time is walking. It's a great way to meet kids your own age. The towns are very small so it only takes minutes walking to get to each one.

The towns are about as large as Harmon Smith Field, so everyone knows everyone else. It is usually one street long and the houses are all stuck together with no yards of any kind.

The Italian system of education is quite different from ours. Since the towns are so small, one school services three or four towns. The school is about half the size of Agawam Junior High and the pupils from both grammar and high school attend it. It is also the town hall.

Their high school ends at the age of 14, but most people go on to college for 4 years. At the age of 18 they can become teachers. It is a popular occupation, especially for girls, but because of the low number of schools, many cannot find a job very easily. At the end of 4 years of college, some people attend a "university" to excel in their occupational ability.

The sights to see are Rome, the Vatican, Venice, and just traveling through northern Italy into the beautiful Alps. If anyone ever gets the opportunity to travel, don't hesitate, because it is a rewarding experience not yet put in textbook form.

by Toni Veronesi

Prom Plans

Picture a sparkling Friday night, May 14th, 1971. You've been ready for hours, you're waiting for your date to arrive and escort you to the fabulous Shaker Frams Country Club for the prom.

That's right, the Agawam High School prom will be held at the Shaker Frams Country Club, on Friday, May 14th. This year's prom will be the first AHS prom not held in the school gym.

Bob Saymanski and Orchestra will provide the entertainment for the evening.

Any questions may be answered by either of the chairmen, Beverly Orr and Barbara Cariani, or the chairman of decorations, Marica Reed. Any junior interested in helping out may sign up for the different committees in Room 34.

by Donna Schebel

Club News

Have you ever seen the posters reading "Who likes plants and animals?" and wondered who such nature-loving folks are? Wonder no longer, for the answer is every member of the Biology Club, headed by Mrs. Snieder.

The club plans include a Berkshires foliage trip, guest speakers, a trip to the Springfield Hospital Laboratory, and hopefully a Spring trip to the Boston Aquarium. To raise money the club plans to sell festive Christmas candles.

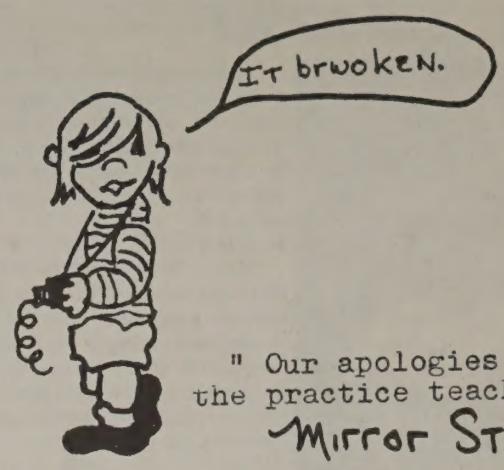
Officers are Tom Gentile, president, Jon Reske, vice-president, Joanne LaValle, secretary, Margaret Avezzie, treasurer, and Bob Watson, activities committee chairman.

Personality (that undefinable quality that makes people interesting, fun, dedicated, and what they are) is not hard to find at Agawam High School with a Personality Club of over one hundred members.

The main event of the club's year is the Sadie Hawkins Dance scheduled for October 30th. All proceeds are given in the form of scholarships to seniors who belonged to the Personality Club.

Officers for this year are Carol Rossi, president, Sharon Suffritti, vice-president, Mary Morin secretary, and Nancy Walsh, treasurer, with advisor Mrs. Reed.

By Nancy Carpenter



" Our apologies to the practice teachers."
Mirror Staff

Practice Makes Perfect

Mr. David Shulda, a 1966 graduate of Arms Academy and presently a Westfield State English major, can be found in Room two assisting Mr. Baggetta. He feels that drugs seem to be the most popular typic among students today.

Mr. Shulda was surprised and shocked that the students do not seem to be interested enough in our Asian crisis to become better informed.

Concerning extra activities, as opposed to studies, he feels that extra activities are excellent in moderation. However, he does not believe that football, for example, should have priority over studies.

As for curriculum revisions he thinks students should have a say to some extent.

Since graduating from high school he feels there's been little change except for hair length and shorter dresses.

As for a plan where students select their own courses he doesn't think it would be feasible.

To Mr. Shmulda happiness is Chicago!

Mr. Richard Molton, a 1966 graduate of Kenneth High School and now a math major at Spfld. College can usually be found in Room 16.

To him happiness is people. "People are great."

The basic change since high school years is dress code. He feels that contempory issues such as the Vietnam War are relevant to most students.

He likes Agawam, but wishes that the classes, were arranged at different levels. He feels some kids just don't care and that it's not fair for the others.

Mr. Molton believes Student Council should represent the kids' ideas.

Miss Valenti, a 1966 graduate of Agawam High School and presently an English major at Westfield State, thinks of happiness as a receptive classroom of students. Miss Valenti feels that, like most students, the students of Agawam High are concerned with contemporary issues such as race, pollution, and the Vietnam War.

Since graduating from high school Miss Valenti has only noticed minor changes such as dress code among the students. "She says that basically things are still the same.

Practice teaching has kept her busy lately, but so far there haven't been too many unusual moments.

When asked about a plan whereby students select their own courses and teachers, she said, "If the students are mature enough it should work."

In regards to Student Council activities, she feels that the emphasis should be placed on student government.

She finds the students of AHS very friendly and receptive.

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QUESTION: What do you want your Thanksgiving Turkey stuffed with?

Brian Cahill: winning horses.
Tom: my license.
Linda Higgins: fribbles
Debbie: food.
Wayne H.: chicks
Denise: Tony
Laura: Marvelous Marv.
Lynn W.: sex appeal.
Jim Hill: eskimo pies
Judy S.: booze
Cindy Liquori: A lock
Steve M.': oranges.
Jeff M.: Stuffing, of course
Tom D.: money
Paul Murphy: A car
Tony F.: Bobby Raymond
Dave O'Malley: Geisha girls.
Mrs. Litchfield: 2 one-way tickets to Colorado.
Holly: jelly beans.
Mary-Ann: surprise me.
Longo: a magic potion
Diana: Paul
Danny: An 'A' in senior math.
Danny H.: Yuk-hudda.
Debbi H.: turkey stuffing.
Walter Kane: money
Pam Lucas: A red fruit fly.
Diane Davis: A trip far away from Agawam.
Bob Raymond: stuffed peppers and lasagna.
Marianne: good loving.
Denise B.: Tony.
Judy P.: a new bod.
Robin: Kenny.
Diane: grass.

by Elena Lovotti

DEAR GREEK

Dear Greek:

Last night my boyfriend told me that he had received his draft notice the other day. My problem is he wants to go to Canada and take me along, too. I must also add that I'm still in high school and I feel I really love this guy. Should I or shouldn't I?

Perplexed

Dear Perplexed:

This can only be solved by what you want in the future. If you plan on having security and happiness in love this might not be the route to take.

Dear Greek:

What's the point in spending twelve years in a public school when ten years would be enough education to get a job?

genius

Dear Genius:

The point in spending twelve years is learning to learn.

Dear Greek:

How can I tell my girlfriend her ears need cleaning without hurting her feelings?

Well-Groomed

Dear Groomed:

Give her a bunch of wild flowers attached to a box of Q-tips.

If you have letters you would like to have answered by Dear Greek, please drop them in the box located in room 26.

WORDS OF ENGLISH

The latest craze in English classes recently is the creation of puns using the terms of venery (or hunting) as a guideline. The original use of the terms were started five centuries ago when hunting was becoming popular as a sport.

Since only the very elite participated it was essential that proper vocabulary was used. For example, only a peasant would say a "bunch of ducks." A gentleman would refer to them as "a paddling of ducks."

As soon as the habit was well established in England, people began playing with the terms so that they would have a double meaning, or an amusing sound. Examples of some of these are: "A gaggle of geese," "A knot of toads," A blast of hunters," and "A sentence of judges."

Here is a list of some recently found in an edition of the New York Times:
A Mine of egotists
A host of parasites
A good deal of cards
A range of ovens
A matter of principals
A Prince of whales
A tub of Laird
A pyle of gomers
A carton of sydneys
A fraid of ghosts
A welk of squares
A riot of students
A Jam of tarts

Some AHS originals!
A chest ful of girls
A Test of teachers
A tip-toe of ballet dancers
An arabesque of dancers
A carelessness of clouds
A round of pizza
A Hope of comedians
A spoke of motorcycles
A drag of sports cars
A ham of comedians
A fist full of boys
A cumulus of clouds
A war of hawks
A Bromo of pizza
A black book of teachers
A clod of clouds
A take-out of pizza

Classified Section

WANTED: Old sheets and cloth. Odds and ends. See Sue Peloquin, HR 41 or Maureen Moynahan, HR 23.

One used friend. Contact Donna Hout, Rm. 18, for more information.

The Capital has reopened. They're living on Friday & Saturday nights.

MotoGuzzi, 125 CC FOR SALE. 1967, 2300 miles. $300 or best offer See Doug Gregor.

1967 BSA 250. Very good condition. See Mark Magistri, Rm. 28.

RAFFLE: Prize—one senior boy. All girls eligible.

Electronic Repairs made in the electric shop.

WANTED TO BUY: German WWII items for private collection. Call RE9-8733.

'69 Bassman amp. see Cathy Mahoney in Room 40.

Sue & Jeff

Hi, Eleanor. from Mike

CUDA — OON

Ski poles, used 1 year—excellent condition. See Steve Duplessis in Room 41.

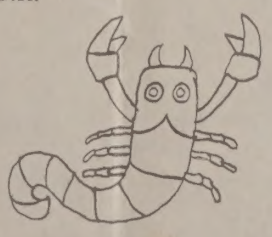
S.A.B. is for nonviolent protest.

Rm. 3 was destroyed this year by natural causes. Therefore, we are setting up the "Room 3 Memorial Fund." Send contributions to Rm. 3 for continuance of this garbage.

'69 Pontiac GTO. 4 speed tape. many extras. call 786-0586 or 788-7434.

SCENE AND HEARD

Diane Janick: The CHAMP ought to try out for the tract team!
Jerome Wright: M.J.W.
Richard Theroux: the making of a president.
Dennis Hopkins: I'm a professor.
Alan Hart: Who says I'm goony?
S.S.: one slightly used friend.
Sally, Linda, Sandy, MaryLou, Sue, Ruby: We've got three on Mars.
Jeansie Wiley: Farmer Brown.
Marilyn McCobb: Umph!!
The Purple Gang: You're darn tooting'.
Steve D.: You don't say things like that in the paper.
Sue P.: Captain Kangaroo wears suspenders.
Donna: I EVOL OUY, Marty.
Linda: Is Butch still at that college?
Mike R.: Let me kiss your hand, D.R.
Jeanne Scherpa: Roger
John F.: What's scene and heard?
Richard E.: Mrs. Juicy Fruit!
Miss Shilling: Time to clean-up!
Deb, Nancy, Joan: The tree Musketeers.
Barb Swiderski: Think SNOW!
Donald S.: I'm going over Linda's.
June Wood: Jerome Mt'd Wright.
Rosalyn Wright: 140 days left.
Barb, Candy, Jeanne, Karla, Donna, Mary: Cape Cod or bust!
Mr. Zabielski: Come to the three-ring circus in the auditorium C-period.
Kathy M.: Honda 90
Lori Cuneo: Mecca 400
Mike Spinelli: Oh! Right!
Donna Corbin: "Where's Paul?"
Mr. Burns: BE QUIET!
Joanne Cooper: "New shoes"
Luanne D.: Avon calling



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SPORTS SCENE

SOCCER BATS .500

The Brownies ended up this year with a relatively good record. Winning the final game against Holyoke and reversing their original loss against Westfield to a forfeit win, Agawam ended up with a 6-6-0 record. Westfield has to forfeit because of their use of an ineligible player.

In the final game of the season, Holyoke jumped to a surprisingly quick lead on a fluke goal after Agawam had successfully kept the ball in Holyoke territory for over five minutes. Stephen Atwater came through with a score to tie the game.

Then in the third period Holyoke scored and went ahead 2-1. This time Wayne Gates scored late in the fourth period from midfield to tie the game.

At the sound of the gun to end the game, Agawam and Holyoke were tied 2-2. Whenever there is a tie, two four minute periods are played. Don Wheeler scored to put Agawam ahead in the first of the overtime periods. Mr. Willard pulled the goalie, Doug Janik, and Steve Atwater filled in the rest of the game, as the Brownies held and won the game 3-2.

Before the Holyoke game Agawam played Chicopee, last year's state champs, and lost, as Chicopee shut out Agawam 4-0. Doug Janik made some excellent saves but Chicopee just kept shooting and scored.

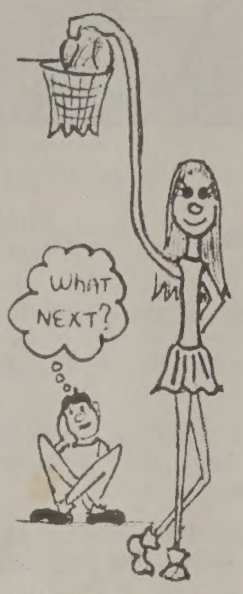
Ludlow also beat Agawam by a score of 7-1. Steve Atwater scored Agawam's lone goal.

Agawam's leading scorer this year was Steve Atwater with 17 goals and 6 assists, constituting 23 points. Wayne Gates scored second with 4 goals but third in overall points with 4 points. Don Wheeler scored thrid in goals with 3 but second in points with 9 assists making 12 points.

by John Cheslawski

SOCCER RESULTS

Agawam vs Chicopee Comp.
Lost 1-2
Agawam vs East Long. Won 3-2
Agawam vs South Hadley
Won 5-4
Agawam vs Long. Won 6-0
Agawam vs Classical Lost 0-2
Agawam vs Greenfield Won 3-0
Agawam vs Northampton
Lost 1-5
Agawam vs Westfield Win by forfeit
Agawam vs Westside Lost 1-2
Agawam vs Minnechaug
Lost 2-3
Agawam vs Ludlow Lost 1-7
Agawam vs Chicopee Lost 0-4
Agawam vs Holyoke Won 3-2



AGAWAM SEES THE LIGHT

The Brownies hold an impressive record and have a strong possibility of finishing the season with consecutive wins. This would improve considerably over last year's 3-5 record.

The Chicopee Comp game will be played on Thanksgiving. It looks like they might offer Agawam some tough competition, but the Brownies will be ready.

Against Holyoke, Agawam looked strong, being defeated by a score of 30-20. Lou Conte made "Circus catches," while Safford threw 8 completions out of 11 attempts.

According to Mr, Kibbe. Conte is as good or better than any receiver in the valley. "We beat Holyoke; Westbrook beat us. I never play for a tie; it's like kissing your sister. I play for all the marbles. We didn't want a tie; we were out to win."

Nick Longhi and Brad Hedges had outstanding performances.

Against Tech the score was 26-16. Dana Raymond, considered by Mr. Kibbe to be the finest defensive tackle on the league, was "awesome". Mike Losito had a great running game. Pete Shibley had an interception and ran it back for a touchdown.

About future games Mr. Kibbe commented, "I am playing each game as it comes. Injuries have mounted and there is not much depth in my ball club. I think that Agawam's defensive line is the best in the valley. Shibley, Conte, and Drewnowski look like one of the strongest defensive backfields in the league."

WHERE HAVE ALL THE YOUNG GIRLS GONE? (To The Gym)

One of the newest Women's Liberation movement at AHS is our girls' basketball team. This will be the first year that we will have a varsity basketball team for girls. Mrs. Hirschhaut, the new physical education teacher and coach, is looking forward to a great season.

Tryouts will be held during the week of November 2nd. Thirty girls have already signed up, but only fifteen, plus three substitutes, will be selected. Mrs. Hirschhaut stated that her hardest job will be limiting the number to eighteen players. New uniforms of orange and brown have also been ordered.

Other schools in the Eastern Division whom Agawam will play include, Minnechaug, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, and Southwick. Schools in the Western Division are Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, South Hadley, and Ware. Games begin in December and will be held after school on Tuesdays and Fridays.

by Barbara Swiderski

HOPES FOR SNOW GROW

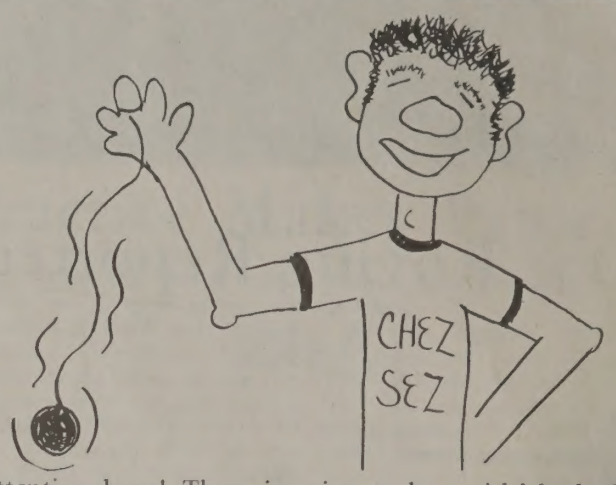
Swishing down snow-covered slopes on a frosty winter's evening is how the members of the Ski Club have fun Wednesday nights at Mt. Tom.

An exciting year is planned, including Saturday trips to Brodie Mt. and Wednesday nights at Mt. Tom. The highlight of the year will be a five-day trip on winter vacation to Mount Tremblant in Quebec, Canada!

Dues are two dollars and the club is trying to raise money to cut costs on the trip to Canada. If dues are paid members get lower rates in-certain ski shops as well as on trips.

They have also arranged to show movies starting November 5 with W.C. Fields.

Officers are Paul Houlihan, president, Jeansie Wiley, secretary, and two treasurers, Sharon Suffritti and Donna Labun. Club advisor is Mr. Joseph.



Attention boys! There is going to be a girls' basketball team, Who, Baby. There go all the male spectators at the varsity basketball games.

Seriously, I think it's great that the girls have teams and participate in school sports. Next thing you know there will be tryouts for boy cheerleaders.

For those students who don't participate in a sport, support your school teams. Attend the Soccer games, the football games, the track events, the basketball games, or the hockey games at the coloseum.

Look around and you'll see me at most of the games. If you're nice looking and a girl keep away from me, so I won't get in trouble. O.K.?

Senior Boys: Cheerleaders needed at the girl's basketball games. Tryouts will be held after school. For future information contact Ed Adamski, the senior squad captain, or you junior boys who would like to be substitutes, contact Steve Adamski.

I would like to make up for an error of mine in the first issue of the paper. I neglected to mention Mr. White as the J.V. Soccer coach. And, so to you Mr. White, I make this written apology and let all who read this acknowledge the fact that Mr. White is the J.V. Soccer coach.

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